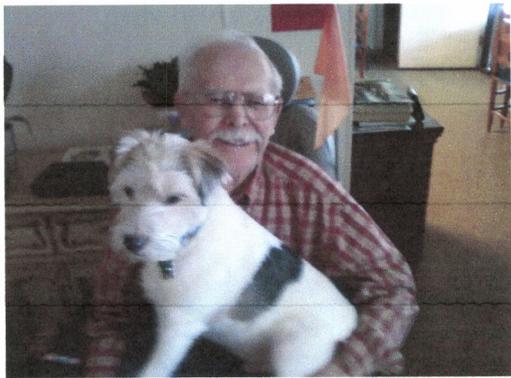


# BIG SKY Senior SERVICES

The primary mission of Senior Helping Hands Program is to enhance the independence and quality of life for the elderly population by assisting them to remain in their homes in a safe and comfortable manner, regardless of their ability to pay. The four major areas of assistance needed by the elderly in their homes are: Housekeeping, Respite Care, Personal care and Nursing Care with supervision of chronic health problems.



Tom  
Age: 97  
Years with SHH: 11



Anna  
Age: 95  
Years with SHH: 7



Florine  
Age: 92  
Years with SHH: 2



Joseph  
Age: 84  
Years with SHH: 1

January 17, 2013

Montana Legislature  
Helena, MT

To Whom It May Concern:

At this time of the year, and with our economics under a strain, we are all having a hard time making ends meet.

There's one age group that we need to be thinking about more than any other! That will be our older people. Social Security and Medicare are on the way to becoming broke. Seniors are becoming the oldest range of age in America. There are many groups or organizations in America that help our elders and yet our government seems to cut those budgets more than any other.

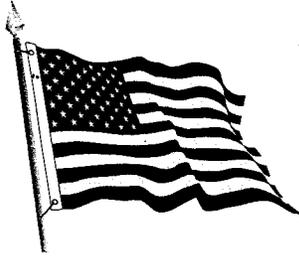
We all know it's cheaper to keep the elderly in their homes with a little help from these organizations. I, myself need them and couldn't do without. Please keep that in mind as you pass your legislation don't put us out to dry. Shadana (Ted's) Haffklee

1/18/13

To Whom it My Concern:

I have had the privilege of having Big Sky Senior Services in my home since June of 1988. They have been a blessing for me, in every way possible. I receive housekeeping services, help with some laundry, and also receive help in having my hair curled and put up in rollers. I thoroughly enjoy my visits with the workers from the Senior Helping Hands program. I feel fortunate to be apart of this program and I hope I can continue to do so, for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
J.D. Egan



United We Stand

I have been with Big Sky Senior helpers since '92. They have been a god send to me and kept me in my home instead of a nursing home.

I can't stress enough how wonderful care I've received plus cheaper than a nursing home - a saving for the state. Plus the fact that I can stay in my home

Josephine Ferguson

1/16/13



January 17, 2013

Montana Legislature  
Helena Montana

To Whom It May Concern:

Once every 3 weeks there's a lady from B555 that does my grocery shopping for me and it's worked out well. I would not be able to get my own groceries without their help. They have been helping me for over 1 1/2 years and would like to continue receiving services.

Alan Wambach



To whom It May Concern:

I am a client of Big Sky Services - Helping Hands program. This program allows me to have my home cleaned when I am unable to do so. The service provides someone to wash my clothes, vacuum, mop, make my bed and other chores as they arise. Without this service my daily life would become more difficult and cause me much pain and discomfort. I cannot afford a private service and would not have the quality of life I do today.

Unison Much  
Magic City Terrace

To Whom It May Concern:

As a client of Senior Helping Hands,  
I want to express my  
gratitude for the help I  
have gotten from them.

The housecleaning services have  
been wonderful as my eyesight  
is poor and I haven't been able  
to keep up as well as I'd like.  
Also, at this time, I have help  
with bathing, which I wouldn't  
be able to do on my own, for  
fear of falling.

Senior Helping Hands have  
allowed me to live independently  
in my apartment. They have  
wonderful services for the elderly.

Thank you,

Mary M. Lamm - 78-27<sup>th</sup> St. N. apt. 303  
Billings, mt. 59102

1/17/2013

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Big Sky Senior Services has been helping me in my home since April of 2008. The care first started with my wife, Evelyn, and when she went to a nursing home in 2012, the care then switched to me. I receive help with basic housekeeping and good conversation. I appreciate everything that the Senior Helping Hands program does for me. I feel fortunate to be a part of this program, and I hope the program continues to help me and others long into the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph Frank Jr

I am a 92 year old woman  
living alone in Prairie View  
I have been trying to live alone  
without being a burden alone  
on my children  
Changing my bed sheets  
and doing my washing  
became too hard so I  
called Helping hands.

They sent a nice young  
woman who had a very  
nice job of doing my  
wash and changing my  
bed linen

I am grateful for the help  
Florence Kempf